

Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes
School Administrators of Montana Meeting Room
900 No. Montana Ave., Ste. A-4
January 19-20, 2012

Members in Attendance: Christa Seger, Vaughn Kauffman, Lora Griffin, Bob Stansberry, Jim Marks, Diana Tavary, Tia Davis, Sharon Tregidga

Excused Members: Lily Wahl, Doug Roberts, Erica Swanson, Mick Leary, Edith McClafferty, Terry Galle, Marilyn Davis, Theresa Baldry, Chris Bilant, Carolyn Prill

Non-Members in Attendance: Frank Podobnik, Dick Trerise, Anne Rainey, Jan Duiker, Karen Crogan, Amy Friez, Marlene Wallis

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Chairperson Christa Seger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Panel members, OPI staff and visitors introduced themselves.

The Panel reviewed the Proposed Agenda. Jim Marks moved to accept the Proposed Agenda, Lora Griffin seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Proposed Agenda was accepted as written.

The Panel reviewed the Minutes of the September 22-23, 2011, Panel meeting. Vaughn Kauffman moved to accept the minutes, Diana Tavary seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Minutes of the September 22-23, 2011, Panel meeting were accepted as written.

Division Up-Date

Frank Podobnik, Special Education Director, informed the Panel that there are three open positions in the Professional Development Unit: Program Improvement Specialist; Coordinator, State Personnel Development Grant; Research and Analysis Specialist/SPDG Evaluator (this position will be rewritten to fit in with the Data and Accountability Unit).

The Part B Manager position will be advertised soon.

Annual Performance Report (APR) to the State Performance Plan (SPP)

Frank Podobnik reviewed Indicators 1-20 in the State Performance Plan (SPP) with the Panel that will be discussed during this Panel meeting. The 20 Indicators reviewed and discussed are included in the Montana FFY 2005-2012 State Performance Plan on the Special Education Web site.

OPI Report—Denise Juneau, State Superintendent

Superintendent Juneau welcomed the Panel members and thanked them for their membership on the Special Education Advisory Panel and their dedication to children with disabilities.

Superintendent Juneau informed the Panel that more than 2,000 Montana students drop out of school each year. She discussed “Graduation Matters Montana” with the Panel and informed them of the program’s objectives: 1) Increase the rate of Montana students graduating from high school college and career ready; 2) Establish a support network between schools, businesses and community organizations for student success; and 3) Create school-based opportunities for student success.

She told the Panel that she recently recommended adoption of the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Math to the Board of Public Education. These standards will prepare students for college and to compete in today’s global economy.

Superintendent Juneau’s handouts are a part of the minutes.

Webinar—Communication with the Public

Dick Trerise distributed a flyer for a Webinar directed to State Advisory Panels and State Interagency Coordinating Councils titled “Communication with the Public.”

Data Overview

Anne Rainey provided an overview of the Data Accountability Unit. The PowerPoint program covered data collections (winter) for the Post-School Survey, Child Count, Annual Data Collection (ADC) and Part C to Part B Transition and (spring) data collections for Assessment, Exiting and School Discipline. Also covered in the PowerPoint was the Student Information System (AIM) for regular and special education.

Friday, January 20, 2012

Annual Performance Report (APR) to the State Performance Plan (SPP) Continued

Frank Podobnik continued to review and discuss the 20 Indicators in the State Performance Plan with the Panel. This report serves as Montana’s accountability report on its performance relative to state performance targets identified in its State Performance Plan (SPP). Following the review, Vaughn Kauffman made the motion to direct the Chairperson on behalf of the Panel to support the Annual Performance Report as it was presented to the Panel, Lora Griffin seconded the motion and the Panel unanimously passed the motion to support the Annual Performance Report for FFY 2010. (Note: the Panel members excused for the January 19-20, 2012, meeting were contacted by E-mail for their suggestions regarding the review of the APR and support by the Panel.)

Call for Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Preview of May Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 3-4, 2012. The Annual Joint Meeting with the Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) will take place the afternoon of May 3, 2012.

Panel Agenda Items

Frank Podobnik will bring a copy of the “Parent Survey.”

Adjourn

Sharon Tregidga moved to adjourn the meeting, and Diana Tavary seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at noon.